

hereby elects Invention I drawn to an energetic composite material, on which at least claims 1-22 are readable, with traverse.

Regarding claims 1-22, the specie includes an energetic composite material including a plurality of inorganic particles, a linking backbone, a first linking functional group, a second linking functional group and an energetic group. The plurality of inorganic particles are selected to be metals and, in particular, aluminum. The linking backbone is selected to be polyethers. The first linking functional group and the second linking functional group are selected to be the same material, that is, a carboxylic acid. The energetic group is selected to be an azide.

Finally, as indicated above, regarding claims 23-62, Applicant respectfully does not elect these claims but reserves the right to seek rejoinder or file, timely, a divisional applications containing these claims.

Early favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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